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OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

To vote, fill in the oval on the ballot card that corresponds to the number assigned to your selection on this candidate list.

A write-in vote will NOT be counted unless the vote is for a DECLARED write-in candidate

To vote on these public questions, select "YES" or "NO"

PUBLIC QUESTION #1
Vote For One (1) Only

Currently, under the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a person charged with murder or treason is not entitled to be released on bail if the proof is evident or the presumption strong. Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to provide that a person charged with an offense other than murder or treason is not entitled to bail if:
(1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and
(2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community.
(This question concerns Article 1, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

16 YES

17 NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #2
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to permit the judge of a city or town court to reside in: (1) the county in which the court is located; or (2) the bordering county closest to the city or town in which the court is located?
(This question concerns Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

YES 25

NO 26

PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Crown Point Community Schools increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of funding and sustaining educational and operational funding stability in response to reductions in property tax revenue, supporting essential health and safety initiatives, supporting and retaining teachers and staff, maintaining class sizes, student transportation, and funding academic and support programs to meet the educational needs of all students, by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed $0.3870 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $19,750,000? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $350,000 the property's annual property tax bill would increase by $648 per year. The most recent operating referendum public question proposed by the school corporation was held in 2025 and passed.

YES 35

NO 36

PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall the River Forest Community School Corporation continue to increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of sustaining educational and operational funding stability in response to reductions in property tax revenue, maintaining student transportation, supporting and retaining teachers and staff, and supporting essential health and safety initiatives, including the retention of school resource officers by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed $0.9912 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $3,000,000. If this operating referendum public question is NOT approved by the voters, for a median residence of $150,000, the property's annual tax bill would decrease by $589 per year. If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, it would be a renewal of the most recent operating referendum public question passed in 2019 with a property tax rate of $1.19.

49 YES

50 NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall Tri-Creek School Corporation increase property taxes paid to the school corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of replacing lost property tax revenue, funding bus transportation, student programs, and school safety by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed seventeen and thirty- eight hundredths cents ($0.1738) and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed three million dollars ($3,000,000)? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $300,000, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by $245 per year. The most recent operating referendum public question proposed by the school corporation was held in 2023 and failed.

57 YES

58 NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall School City of Whiting increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of funding and sustaining educational and operational stability in response to reductions in property tax revenue, supporting essential health and safety services, including retaining and employing school resource officers, attracting and retaining teachers and staff, maintaining class sizes, and funding academic and student support programs to meet the educational needs of all students, by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed $0.3372 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $2,500,000? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $250,000 the property's annual property tax bill would increase by $383 per year. The most recent operating referendum public question proposed by the school corporation was held in 2023 and failed.

89 YES

90 NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #4
Vote For One (1) Only

Shall School City of Whiting increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than twenty-three years for the purpose of funding the School City of Whiting 2026 Student Facilities, Safety, and Transportation Improvement Project which includes health, safety, and security upgrades to all school facilities; renovation and improvements and the potential construction of additions to student learning environments at all school buildings; upgrades to school buildings to support technology-ready classrooms; and construction of and improvements to athletic and support facilities and performing arts and music facilities, including a band room, together with the purchase of equipment, technology and buses, and student safety improvements for which the principal debt amount for the project will cost no more than $39,305,000 and the financing cost including interest and fees will cost no more than an additional $28,810,000 and is estimated to increase the property taxes paid to the School Corporation by imposing a property tax rate that results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $3,500,000. If this capital referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $250,000, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by $530 per year.

YES 110

NO 111